

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to substitute formal drawings for the originally filed Figures 1-3, and to add the priority claim at paragraph 1.

Claims 1-23 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 24-32, which find support in the claims and throughout the specification as originally filed.

More particularly, support for new claims 24-28 is found, for example, at page 6, lines 19-25 of the specification, and in originally filed claims 11 and 12. Support for new claims 29-30 is found, for example, at page 22, lines 18-33 of the specification. Support for new claim 31 is found, for example, at page 50, line 28 through page 51 line 18 of the specification. Support for new claim 32 is found, for example, at pages 29-31 of the specification, and in originally filed claim 16.

Therefore, no new matter has been added.

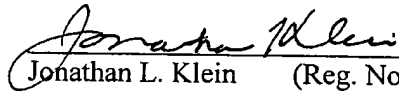
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made amendments and remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. Applicants believe that this application is in condition for substantive examination. If in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number indicated below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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